List of minor irrigation tanks.

29. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a list of minor irrigation tanks was appended to the report published?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Rule re: levy of tax on motor vehicles passing from Travancore into British India.

30. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they are aware that motor vehicles passing from Travancore into British Indian territory are subject to taxation under the Motor Vehicles Act (Madras), irrespective of the duration of their stay in British India;

(*b*) whether they have considered the incidence of taxation under the recent amendment of the rules under that Act on owners of motor vehicles resident in Travancore territory adjoining British Indian districts;

(*c*) whether they have received complaints from owners of motor vehicles in Travancore regarding the harshness of the recently amended rule; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to move the Madras Government to relax the rigidity of the rule relating to the levy of tax in respect of motor vehicles passing from Travancore into British India?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*), are the Government aware that owners of motor vehicles passing from Travancore into British India are liable to be prosecuted if they do not take out licenses beforehand?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are aware.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Do the Government propose to move the British Indian authorities for concessional treatment in the case of such owners.

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They do. That answer has been furnished in answer to part (*d*).

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Have they moved in the matter?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Steps are being taken.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Have they taken any action with specific reference to the clause relating to prosecution?

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MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As a matter of fact, the action that is now proposed to be taken will go a great way in relieving that inconvenience.

Conversion of Shertallai into a municipal town.

31. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the necessity of converting Shertallai into a municipal town?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The proposal was dropped.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member from whom the proposal originated?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There was a conference at Bhaktivilas in March 1931 to consider the question of the organization of Village Panchayats in the State. In that conference this question was mooted and after that the Government asked the Sanitary Commissioner and the Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, whether there was any necessity to have a Municipality at Shertallai. On the opinion of the Dewan Peishkar and the Sanitary Commissioner the Government decided that the matter may be dropped.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Was there any proposal from the local Tahsildar?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; but it was not a proposal exactly. In answer to the question raised by the Dewan Peishkar, the Shertallai Tahsildar submitted a report on that question.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Was the question ever brought before the Assembly or the Council before this?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information about that.

Action on the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

32. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state, giving details, what action, if any, has been taken by them on the recommendations of the Minor Irrigation Committee since the last meeting of the Legislative Council?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The information asked for from certain officers of Government, as a preliminary to the further action contemplated, is being awaited.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer to my question is that the opinion asked for from certain officers of Government is being awaited. May I know who these "certain officers of Government" are and what their opinion is?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Governmnet*): The Land Revenue Commissioner has been addressed in regard to the amendment of the Remission Rules so as to make it more elastic to cover the cases recommended by the Committee. That is one reference.

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